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**Attorney Docket No. 5000.301  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Malta *et al.*  
Serial No. 10/628,189  
Filed: July 28, 2003  
For: Growth of Ultra-High Purity Silicon  
Carbide Crystals in an Ambient Containing  
Hydrogen

Group Art Unit 1722

April 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, in the above-referenced application.

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